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REPORT

Children First funds continued to be an essential part of the Department of Youth Services budget in the 2002 fiscal year. This funding allowed the department to reduce waiting lists of committed youth and establish special programs.

The funding, first provided to the department in the 2000 fiscal year, has grown from expenditures of \$500,000 in 2000 to expenditures of \$7.6 million in 2002. Any unused amounts remain in the Children First Trust Fund for future use.

Due to successful stewardship of these funds, the department has had a remaining positive balance in each of the three funding years. These rollover funds may be used in subsequent years to meet growing needs.



Student in Counseling

Some of the programs funded by Children First include such specialized placement for DYS youths as wilderness programs and alcohol and drug treatment. Also, new sites for D.A.Y. Programs have been added.

Several retirements were announced during the second quarter of FY 2002. Dr. John Rickicki, the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Department of



Dr. Rickicki

Youth Services, and a 26 year veteran of the agency, retired in January, 2002. Mr. George Graham, a DYS Board member since 1985, and Director of Coosa Valley Youth Services, also retired in 2002. Mr. Graham was secretary to the Board and a member of the Finance and Budget Committee for many years.

The newly established Facility Administrator's Council began meeting in 2002. The group, comprised of campus superintendents, will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss issues relevant to their new responsibilities on each campus.

The Employee Council was also expanded during the second quarter to include a more representative group from among the various employee classes within the department. This allowed more staff members to participate in discussions regarding agency operations and decision making.

During March, the group homes in Gadsden and Mobile were re-accredited by the American Correctional Association, as were the North Alabama and Montgomery group homes. This was accomplished through the hard work of dedicated staff.

In June, 2002 the Office of Licensing and Standards was established. These activities had formerly operated under the auspices of the Community Services Division.

Also in June, the Director reported on the progress of important "multi agency" projects in which the department had taken an active role. The Agency worked closely with the Mobile Boys and Girls Clubs to request funds from the Department of Justice's "Going Home" project. This project provides funds to establish links between institutions and programs in the community to better prepare students for their return to the community.



Going Home

The second involved the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Human Resources working together to secure approval from the Finance Director to pool Children First funds to establish local projects to assist families which find themselves in need of services of more than just one agency. Local communities having completed needs assessments could apply for funds to address identified needs for families requiring multiple levels of services.

At the June meeting, the Director introduced Evelyn Myles to the Board. Ms. Myles, a teacher at the Sequoyah School on the Chalkville Campus,

brought quilts that her students had made in her Family Consumer Science



Quilts

class. Over an eighteen month period, her class had sewn fifty-two quilts. This was especially impressive considering that the students only worked on the quilts once a week. The students also made pot holders and scrapbooks in her class, and decided to name themselves the "Angelic Sew and Sews." Ms. Myles also took the opportunity to teach her students math, science, and art while they were quilting and sewing.

In the Family Life Program, the students learn how to prepare meals, pay bills, take care of children, and find an apartment. Her students even planned and prepared a meal for the Advisory Board members at Chalkville to thank them for their concern and assistance.

In September, three new Board members were introduced to the Board. The first was Bishop Larry Kirkland who was appointed to represent the Sixth Congressional District.

Ms. Frankye Underwood, a life long educator, was also appointed to the Board to represent the Fourth Congressional District. She lives in Jasper, Alabama, and is also on the Jasper City School Board.

The third new board member introduced was Mr. Willie Jones. Mr. Jones is the Director of The Cleveland Avenue YMCA. He represents the

Second Congressional District. Mr. Jones is also very active with the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.

At the same meeting the Board recognized Mr. David Swaim and his many contributions to the department. Mr. Swaim was appointed to the Youth Services Board 1996, representing the Second Congressional District. He was elected Chairman of the Board on December 4, 1997, and in this capacity, continued to demonstrate the outstanding leadership qualities for which he was elected.

Also at the September Board meeting, the Director announced that the "Going Home" project had been awarded a one million dollar grant from the Federal government. This will be a demonstration project with the Mobile County Juvenile Court and the Boys and Girls Club of South Alabama.

The Director also announced the name of the joint project sponsored by the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Youth Services. The joint project would be known as "Our Kids." Applications had already been received from throughout the state and awards for the local community projects would be announced shortly. The Director commended the extra efforts of the Agency's primary liaison for the "Our Kids" project, Ms. Anita Boswell. The projects would provide support to families to prevent youth from being placed in state custody.

Dr. John Stewart, Superintendent of Education, reported to the Board about his recent trip to Russia. Dr. Stewart and others from the Center for Law & Civic Education traveled to Russia to meet with citizens of Russia from the Ukraine to discuss an organization known as Civitas. Civitas, an international organization for civic education in schools, helps

educators and students understand the importance of being actively involved in government.



Dr. Stewart with Ukrainian Students

Dr. Stewart had the opportunity to visit schools as well as a youth correctional facility while he was there. Educators from the Ukraine would be coming to the United States in November and would tour two of our facilities in Birmingham.

The Licensing and Standards Division was completing its staffing in the last quarter of the fiscal year. At this point, there were six staff members licensing and reviewing programs, which consisted of two program directors and four human resource coordinators.

Mr. Wayne Booker also provided an overview of the agency's population in the last meeting of the fiscal year. He explained that older males were currently assigned to the Mt. Meigs Campus. Younger males were assigned to the Vacca Campus and females of all ages were assigned to the Chalkville Campus.

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DEPARTMENT LAND HOLDINGS

Facility	County	Acreage
Autauga Campus	Autauga	63.07± (1)
Birmingham Lots	Jefferson	.36± (2)
Chalkville Campus	Jefferson	575.16± (3)
Jemison Group Home	Chilton	38.46± (1)
Colbert County Lots	Colbert	8.10± (2)
Montgomery Group Home	Montgomery	6.17± (1)
Mt. Meigs Complex	Montgomery	780.53± (4) (5)
Troy Group Home	Pike	1.04± (1)
Vacca Campus	Jefferson	178.06± (2)
TOTAL ACREAGE		1,650.95± (5)

- (1) 1991 Survey by Robert Meadows, Alabama Department of Conservation
- (2) 1998 Report of the Alabama Department of Conservation
- (3) 1997 Survey by Sain & Associates and Robert Meadows
- (4) 1997 Survey by Larry Speaks
- (5) 2002 Land Sale to DOT



CHALKVILLE CAMPUS

PRIVATE PROVIDERS

**Alabama Clinical Schools
Jefferson County**

**The Bridge-Steps
Mobile County**

**Alabama Youth Home (Westover)
Shelby County**

**The Bridge-Boys' Group Home
Etowah County**

**Alabama Youth Home (Wetumpka)
Elmore County**

**The Bridge-Girls' Group Home
Morgan County**

**Big Brothers Home Away From Home
Houston County**

**The Bridge-Wilderness Program
Etowah County**

**Bradford Oak Mountain
Shelby County**

**The Bridge-Alcohol & Drug Abuse
Etowah County**

**Dorothy's House of Grace
Houston County**

**Three Springs-Tuskegee
Macon County**

**First Corrections Corporation
Barbour County**

**Three Springs-Madison
Madison County**

**Lee County Youth Development
Lee County**

**Ramsay Youth Services
Houston County**

**New Hope Clinical Enterprises
Montgomery County**

**West Alabama Youth Services
Hale County**

PRIVATE PROVIDER LOCATIONS

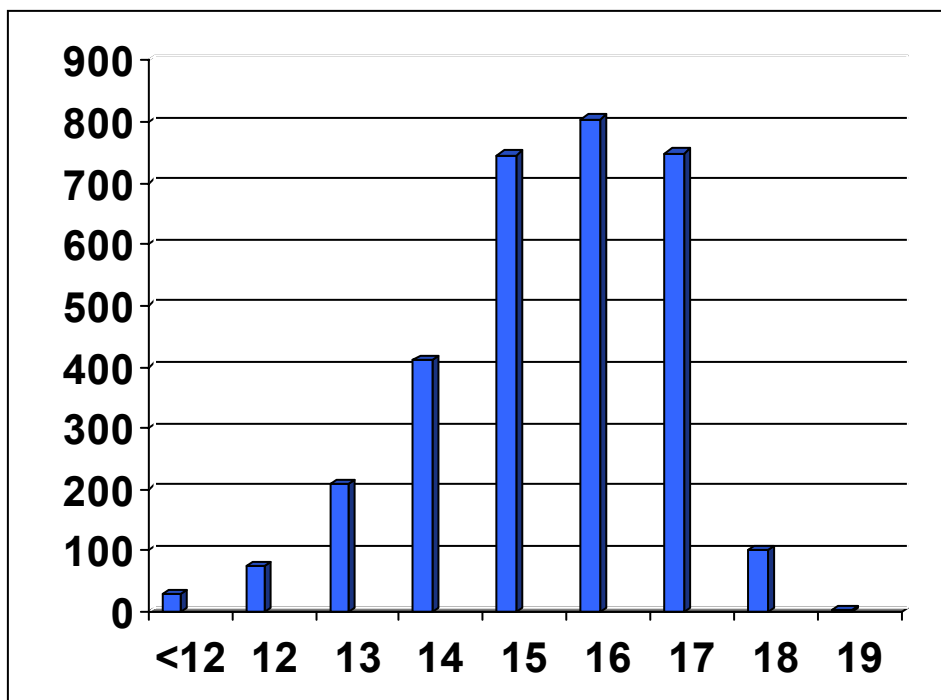


DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

YOUTH ADMITTED BY AGE

<12 YR.	28	0.90	%
12 YR.	74	2.37	%
13 YR.	209	6.69	%
14 YR.	411	13.15	%
15 YR.	746	23.86	%
16 YR.	805	25.75	%
17 YR.	749	23.96	%
18 YR.	101	3.23	%
19YR.	3	0.10	%
TOTAL	3,126	100.00	%

NUMBER OF YOUTH BY AGE

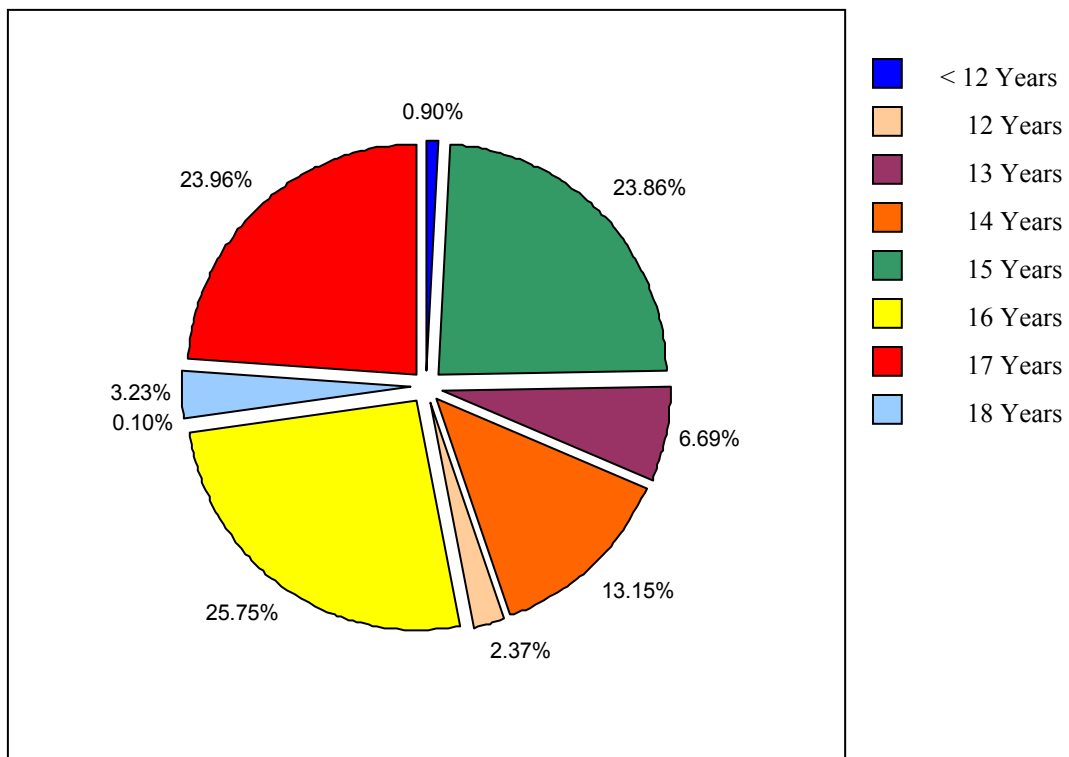


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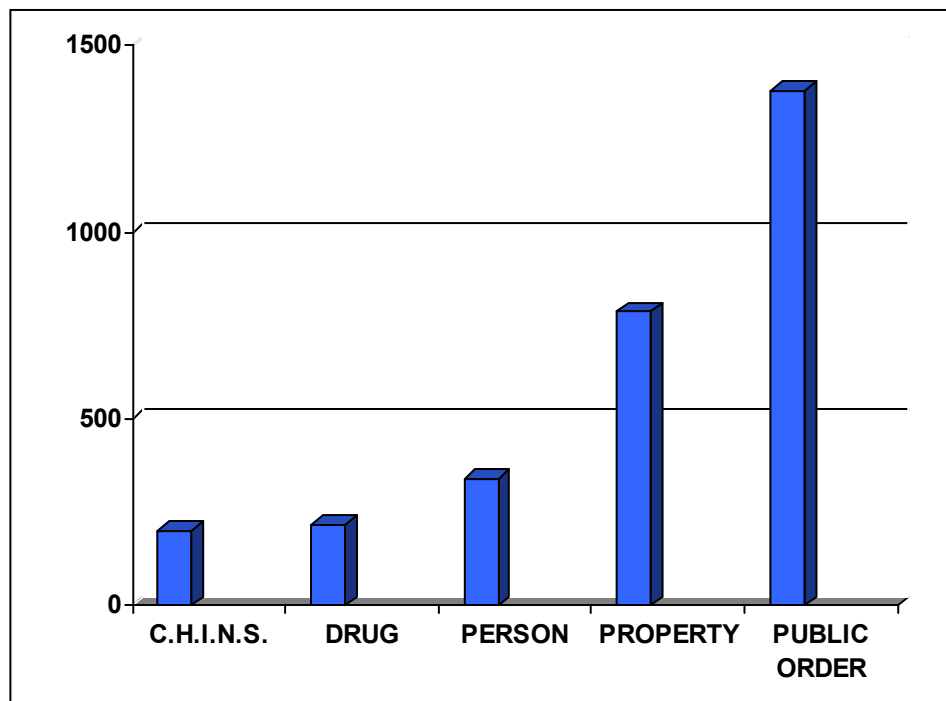
PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH BY AGE



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

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C.H.I.N.S.	200	6.84 %
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PROPERTY	788	26.95 %
PUBLIC ORDER	1,380	47.20 %

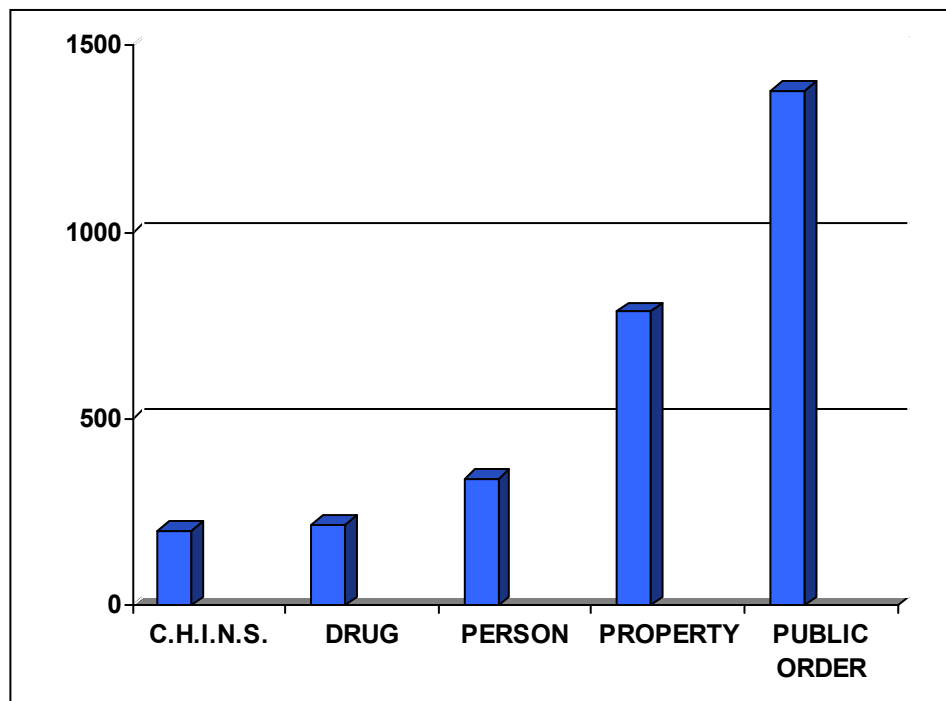
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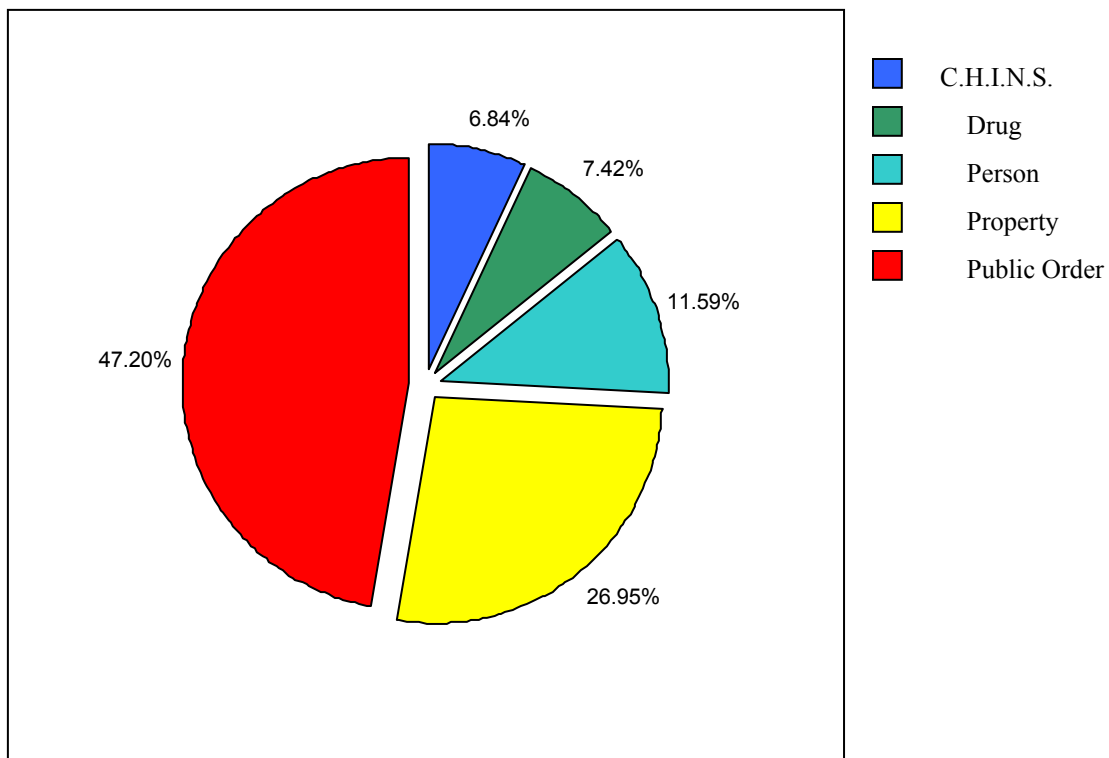
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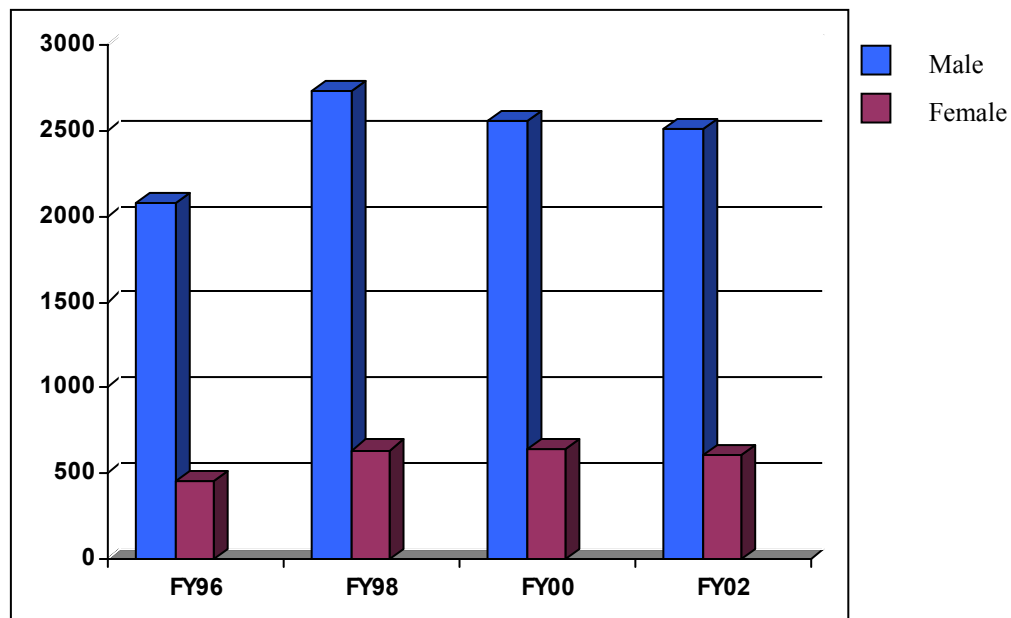
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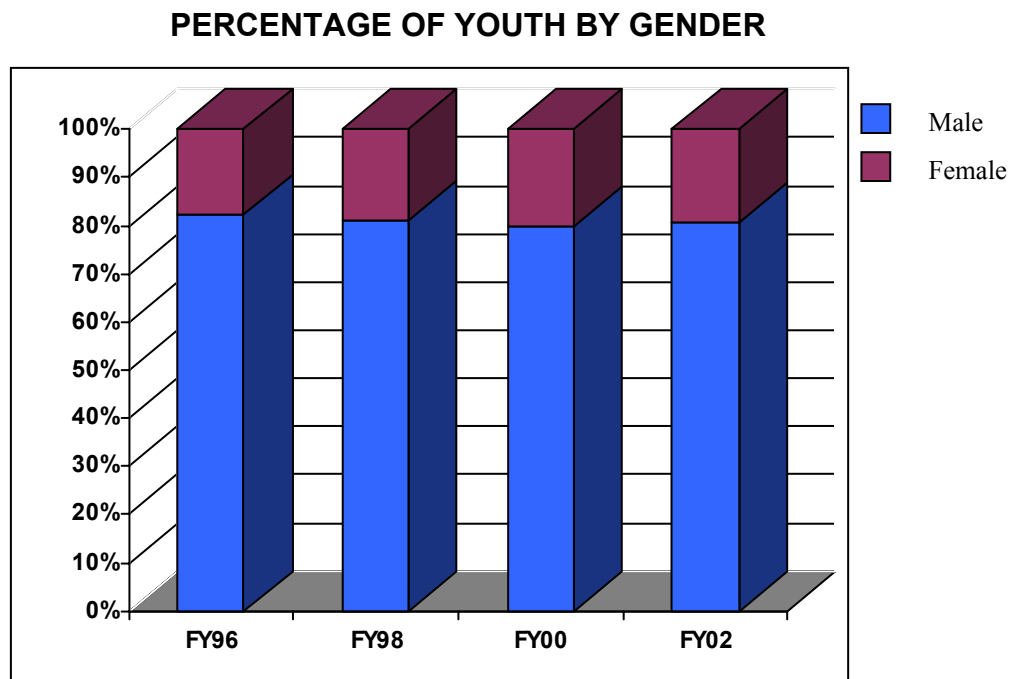
NUMBER OF YOUTH BY GENDER				
	1996	1998	2000	2002
MALES	2,082	2,737	2,554	2,515
FEMALES	450	636	641	611

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PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH BY GENDER				
	1996	1998	2000	2002
MALES	82.23%	81.14%	79.94%	80.45%
FEMALES	17.77%	18.86%	20.06%	19.55%

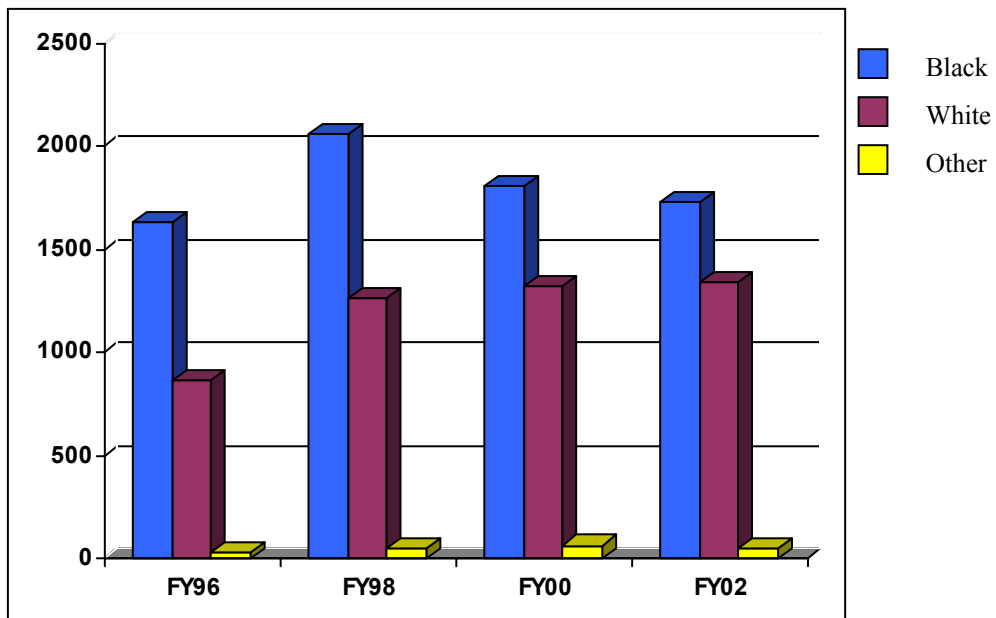


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PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH BY GENDER

	1996	1998	2000	2002
BLACK	1,638	2,060	1,806	1,734
WHITE	867	1,268	1,326	1,340
OTHER	27	45	63	52

NUMBER OF YOUTH BY RACE

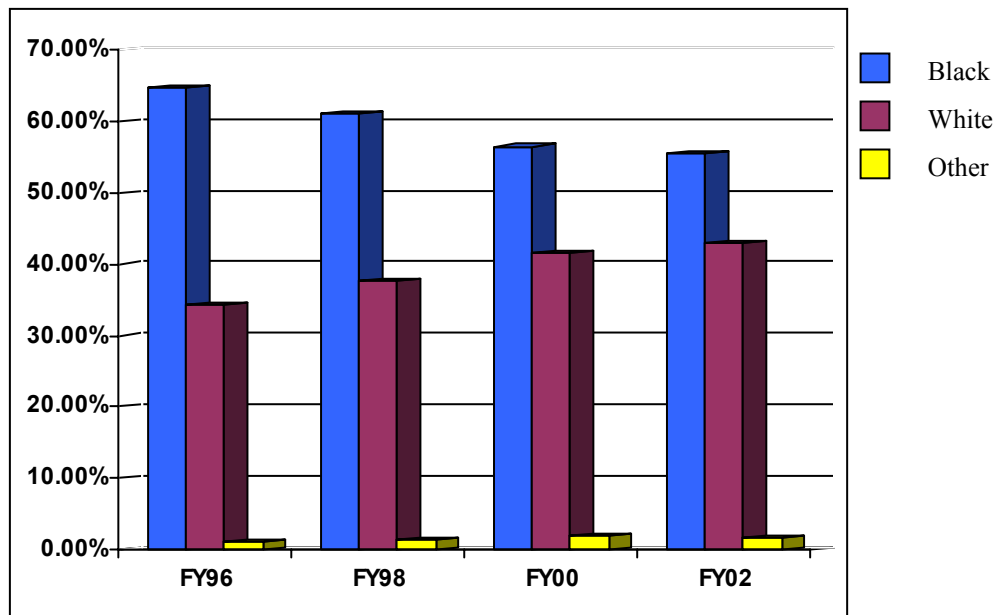


YOUTH BY RACE

PERCENTAGE OF DYS YOUTH BY RACE AND YEAR

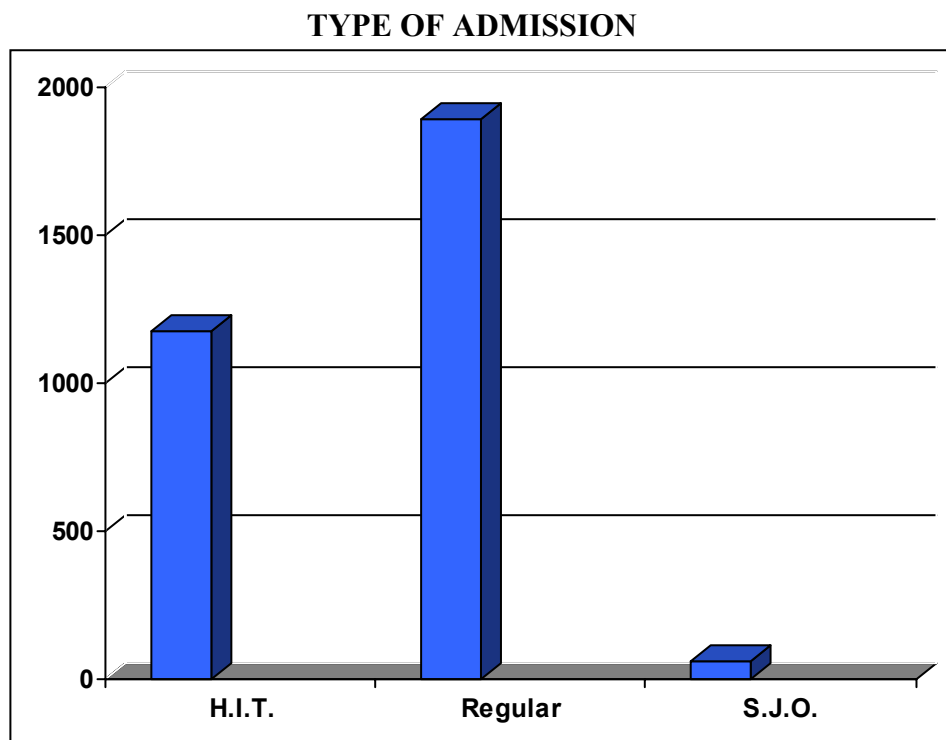
	1996	1998	2000	2002
BLACK	64.69%	61.07%	56.53%	55.47%
WHITE	34.24%	37.59%	41.50%	42.87%
OTHER	1.07%	1.33%	1.97%	1.66%

PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH BY RACE



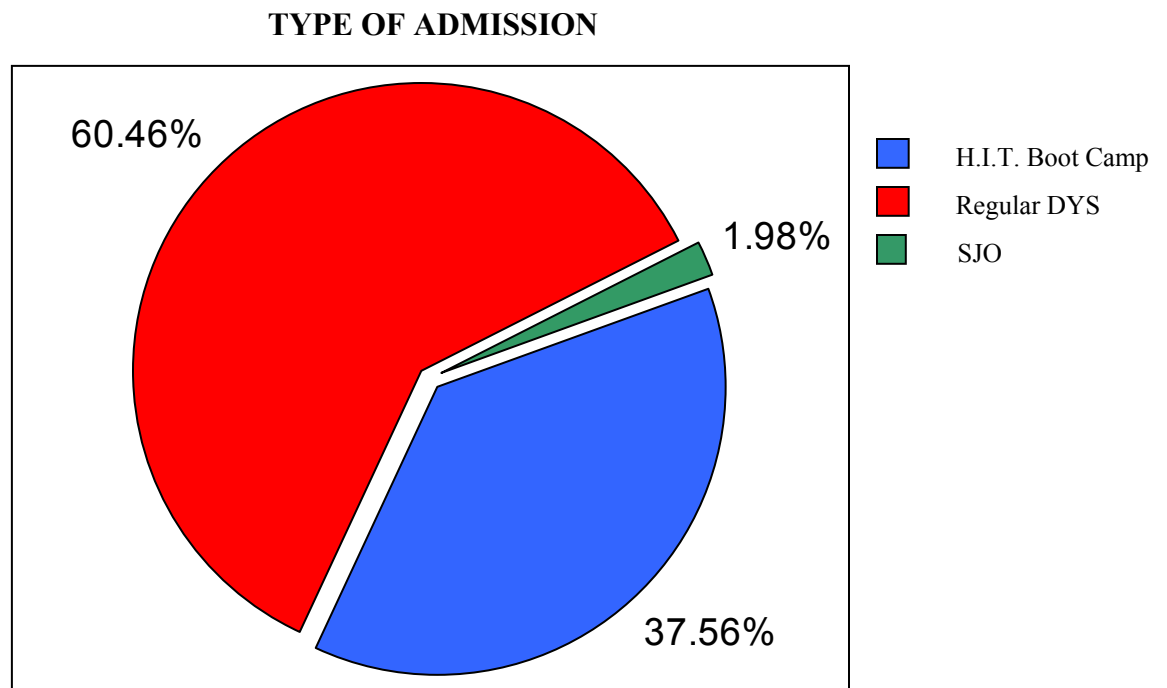
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YOUTH SERVICES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Fiscal Year 1998	Fiscal Year 1999	Fiscal Year 2000	Fiscal Year 2001	Fiscal Year 2002
REVENUES					
General Fund	22,573,108	23,528,108	22,663,151	16,405,629	16,655,629
Children First Trust Fund			1,250,000	3,310,908	6,265,069
AL Special Education Trust Fund	46,525,216	45,657,319	48,592,174	48,437,036	48,593,170
Special Revenue	1,714,205	3,237,620	3,753,445	4,987,930	2,752,567
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	70,812,529	72,423,047	76,258,770	73,141,503	74,266,435
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Costs	20,008,844	20,959,109	20,866,365	21,569,083	21,849,992
Employee Benefits	5,164,614	5,080,827	5,795,538	6,271,126	6,538,571
Travel In-State	302,415	330,715	264,794	213,009	241,861
Travel Out-of-State	24,000	24,079	22,808	26,557	16,180
Repairs and Maintenance	543,477	764,170	337,668	1,275,879	236,320
Rentals and Leases	246,784	227,077	191,481	124,251	175,044
Utilities and Communications	1,266,177	1,237,446	1,335,458	1,508,289	1,446,718
Professional Services	19,350,497	19,063,210	16,389,446	17,555,924	20,392,604
Operating Expenses	1,591,909	1,366,802	1,336,179	1,207,718	1,415,844
Transportation Equip Operations	101,128	105,738	116,516	117,015	93,740
Grants and Benefits	21,223,840	21,874,948	22,951,567	18,944,690	19,313,296
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Equip Purchases	58,272	24,900	208,802	81,013	67,326
Other Equipment Purchases	212,199	94,396	124,322	101,983	153,635
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	70,094,156	71,153,417	69,940,944	68,996,537	71,941,131
LESS SPECIAL REVENUE CARRIED OVER	440,870	12,448	2,472,303	3,457,107	1,553,063
LESS REVERSIONS	277,503	1,257,182	3,845,523	687,859	772,241
BALANCE UNENCUMBERED	0	0	0	0	0

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Fiscal Year 1998	Fiscal Year 1999	Fiscal Year 2000	Fiscal Year 2001	Fiscal Year 2002
REVENUES					
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0
AL Special Education Trust Fund	8,985,085	6,043,582	6,803,120	6,737,490	6,538,548
Special Revenue	539,599	492,238	460,699	396,083	657,878
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	9,524,684	6,535,820	7,263,819	7,133,573	7,196,426
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Costs	4,033,271	4,418,070	4,294,120	4,669,910	4,579,644
Employee Benefits	926,954	860,877	981,331	1,095,005	1,110,202
Travel In-State	24,271	27,759	17,643	11,364	26,273
Travel Out-of-State	0	0	4,869	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	1,297	2,299	5,275	1,360	713
Rentals and Leases	38,516	34,144	23,563	17,456	15,275
Utilities and Communications	2,104	14,071	1,959	13,654	16,507
Professional Services	152,424	248,392	601,657	494,832	495,890
Operating Expenses	194,958	163,384	166,080	109,206	255,730
Transportation Equip Operations	1,345	4,228	2,004	3,275	2,219
Grants and Benefits	4,093,228	400,000	450,000	398,650	398,650
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Equip Purchases	8,275	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment Purchases	47,009	6,694	62,749	65,978	66,149
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,523,652	6,179,918	6,611,250	6,880,690	6,967,252
LESS SPECIAL REVENUE CARRIED OVER	0	0	0	0	0
LESS REVERSIONS	1,032	355,902	652,569	252,883	229,174
BALANCE UNENCUMBERED	0	0	0	0	0

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alabama Department of Youth Services is to enhance public safety by holding juvenile offenders accountable through the use of institutional, educational, and community services that balance the rights and needs of the victims, communities, courts, and offenders.

Goals

Provide juvenile justice services within the framework of professional juvenile justice standards, legislative intent, and available resources.

Hold juveniles accountable and responsible for their actions and teach them the consequences of their behavior.

Provide juvenile offenders opportunities to change behaviors based on an assessment of individual needs.

Place all juvenile offenders in a clean and safe environment that promotes dignity, responsibility, self-esteem, respect, and a positive educational experience.

Promote the efficient use of resources by providing the least restrictive environment for the juvenile while protecting the community.

Forge partnerships within the juvenile justice system, the community, and the public and private sector.

Promote public trust and confidence through the efficient stewardship of public funds.

Require employees at all levels to be positive role models for juveniles.

Support continuing staff professionalism through the provision of training opportunities.

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